



# Northwest Product Stewardship Council



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Waste  
Prevention

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# Product Stewardship

## A Tool in the Toolbox



# NWPSC Steering Committee

## Washington

City of Spokane

City of Tacoma

King County Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks

Kitsap County Solid Waste Division

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County

Seattle Public Utilities

Snohomish County Solid Waste Division

Thurston County Solid Waste

Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department

Washington State Department of Ecology

## Oregon

Metro Solid Waste and Recycling Department, Oregon

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality



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# Mission Statement

To enhance recycling/waste management systems by connecting producers with the end-of-life management of their products and to provide incentives for increasing the recyclability and reducing the toxicity of their products.



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# Garbage Has Fundamentally Changed

## Then:

Products lasted years



## Now:

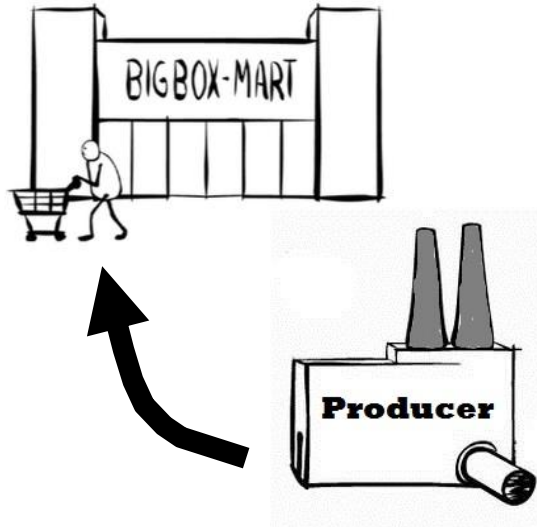
New models replaced frequently,  
contain toxic materials, expensive



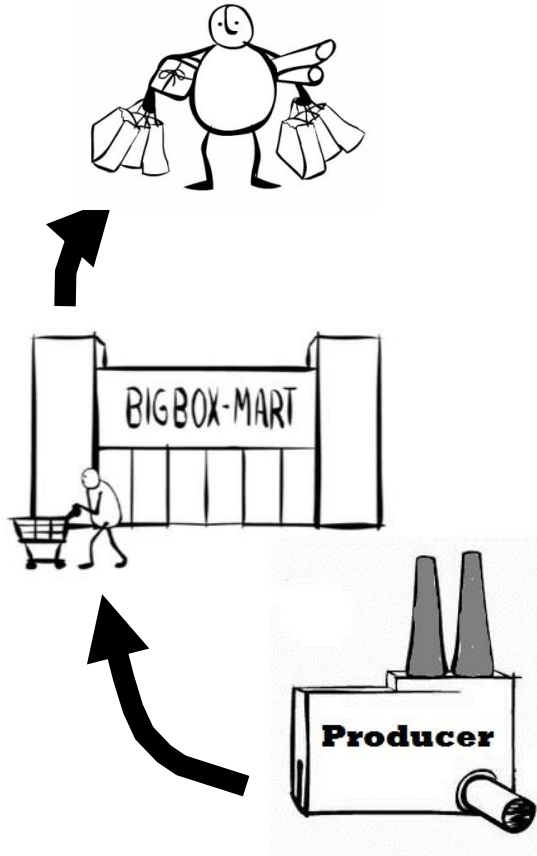
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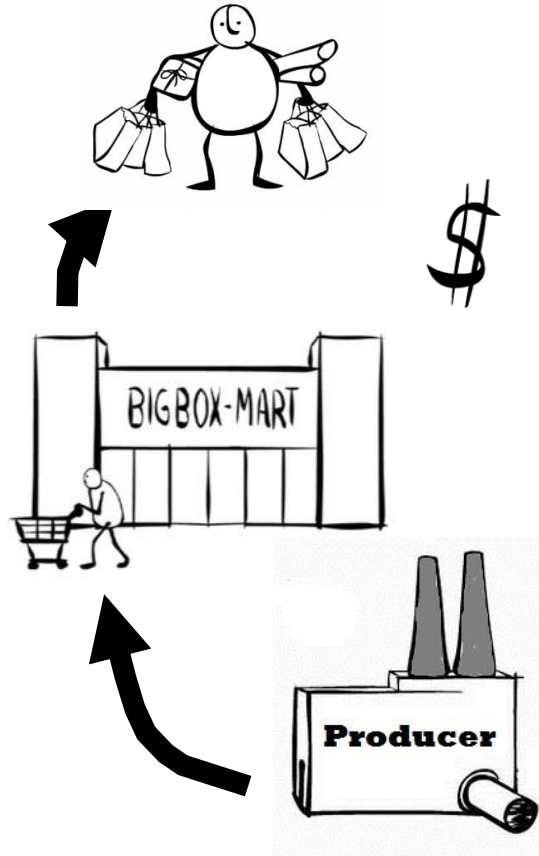


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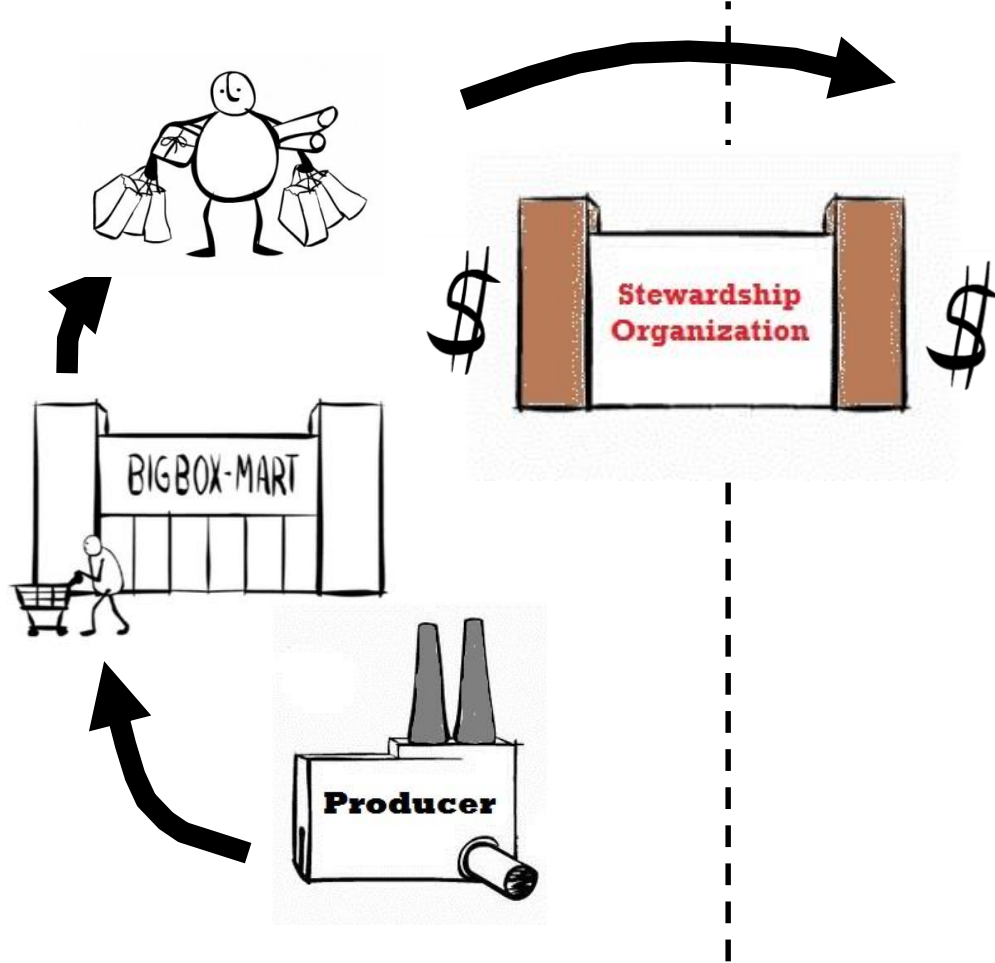




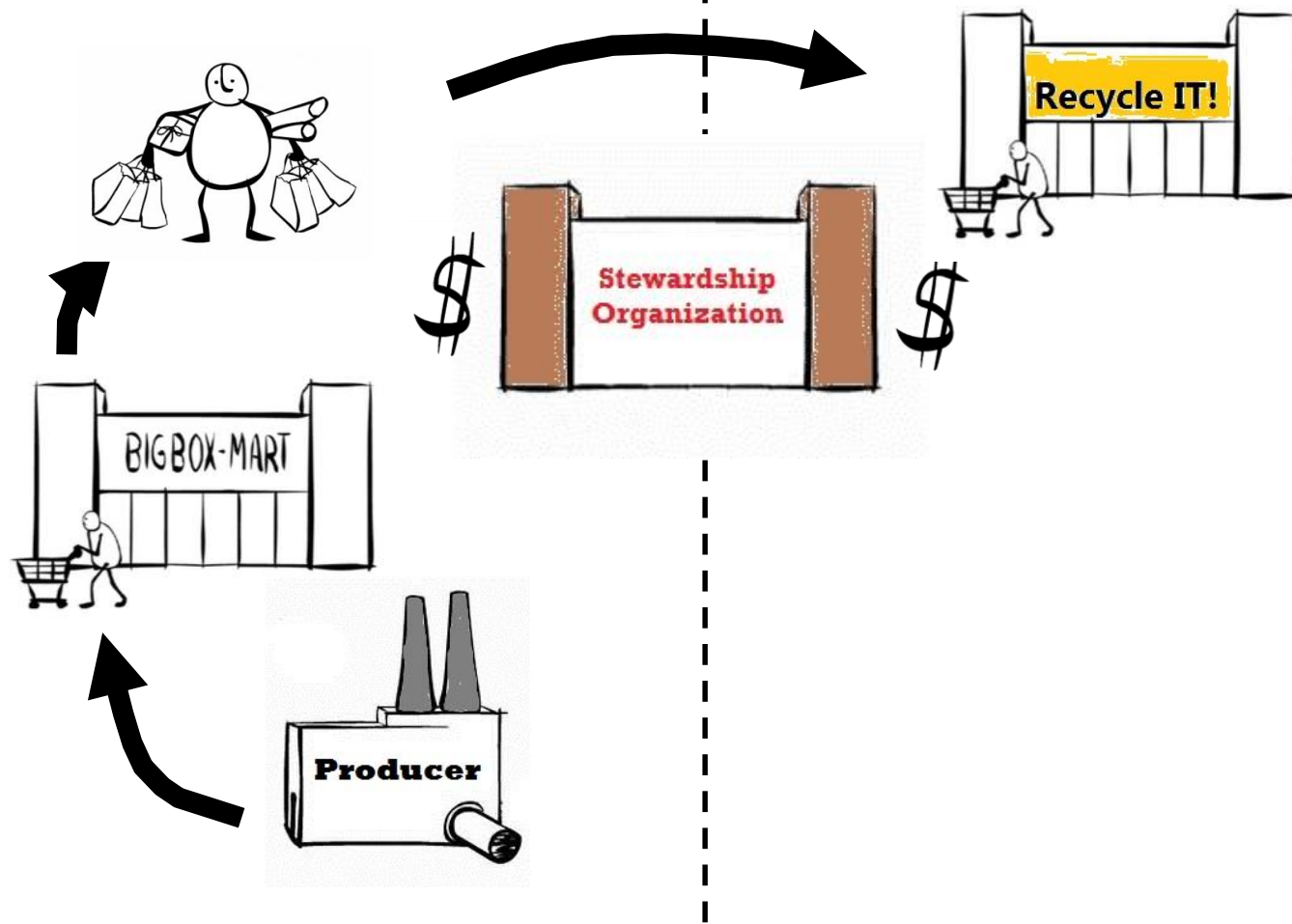
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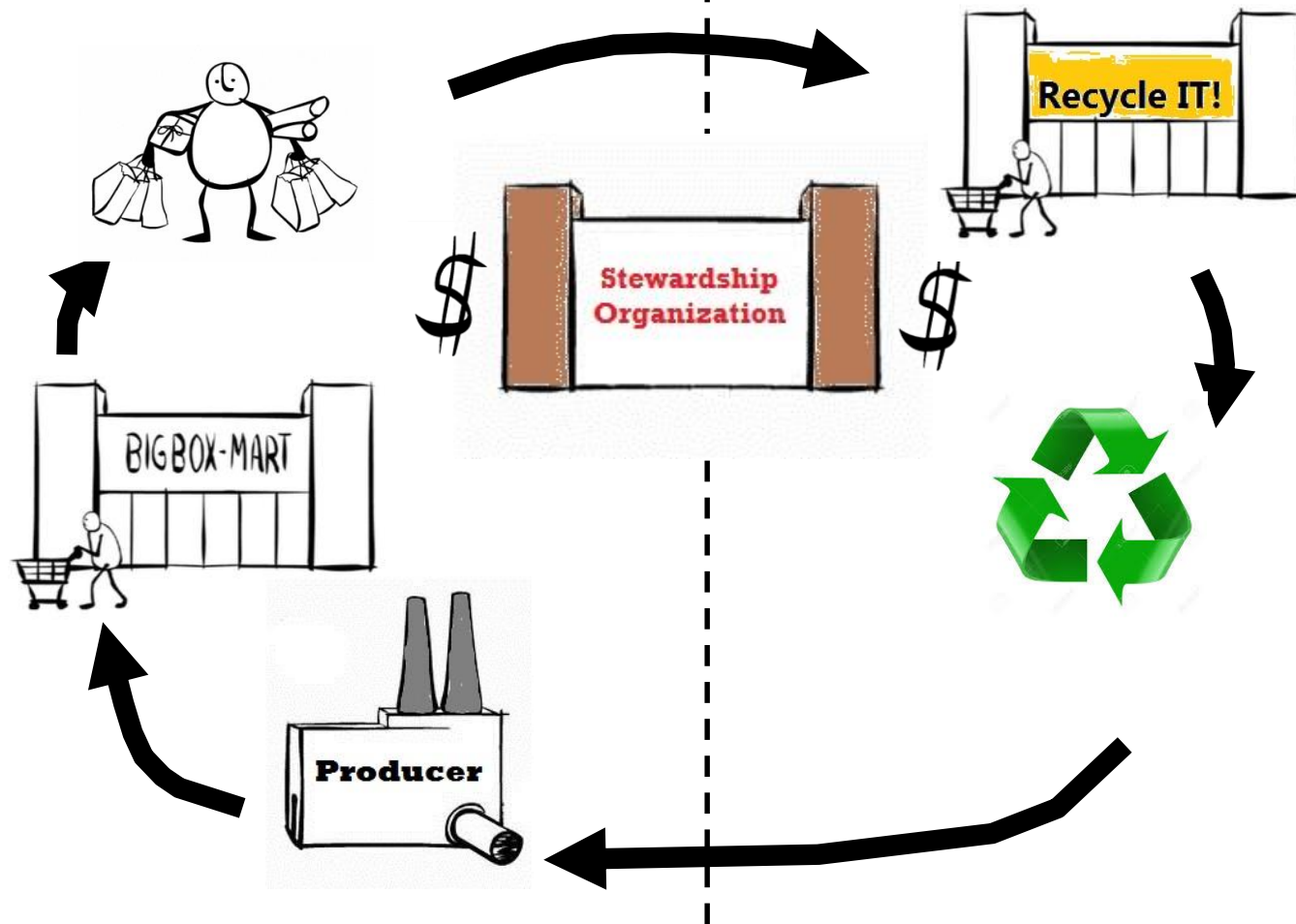
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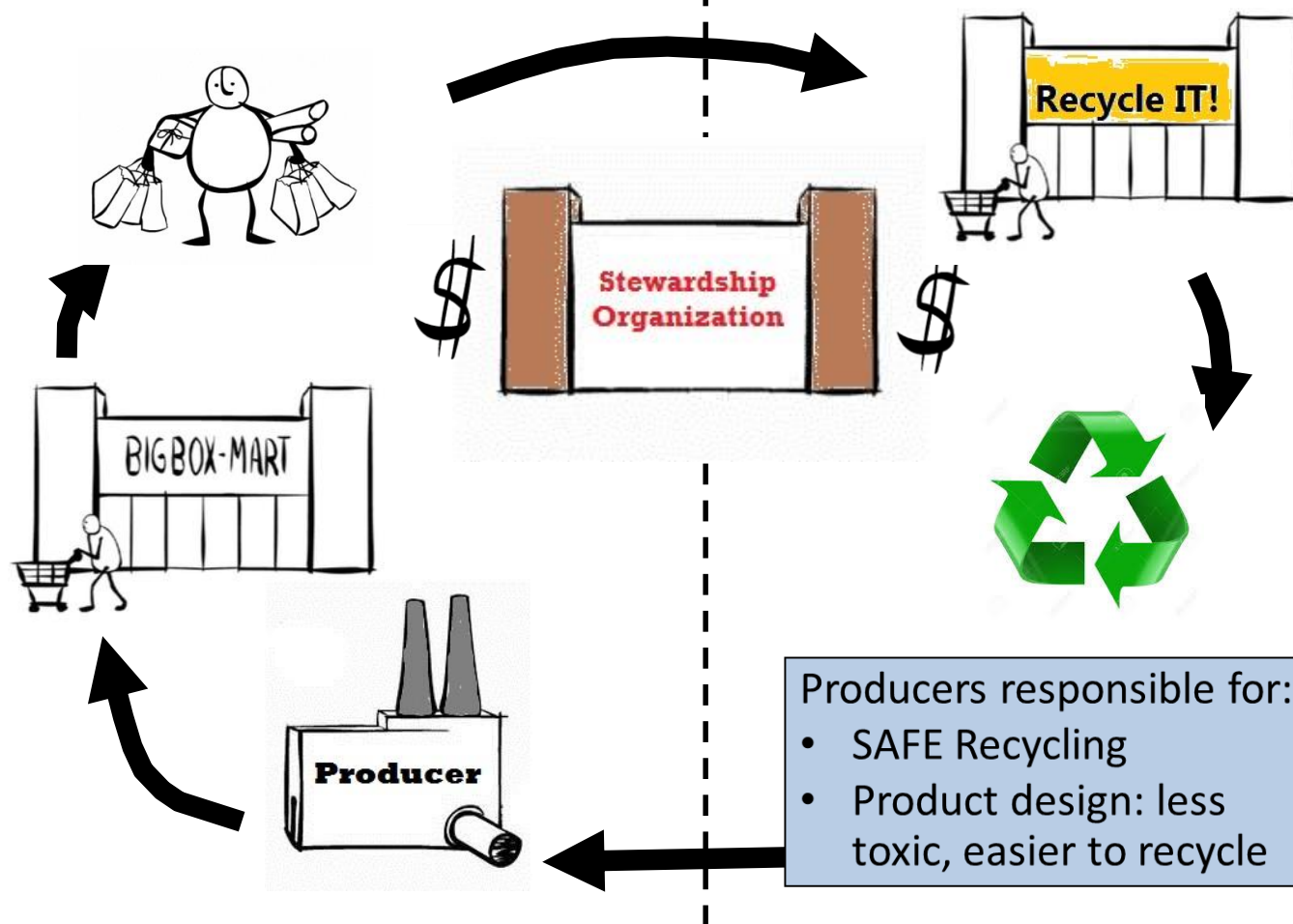
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# Product Stewardship Laws in the U.S.

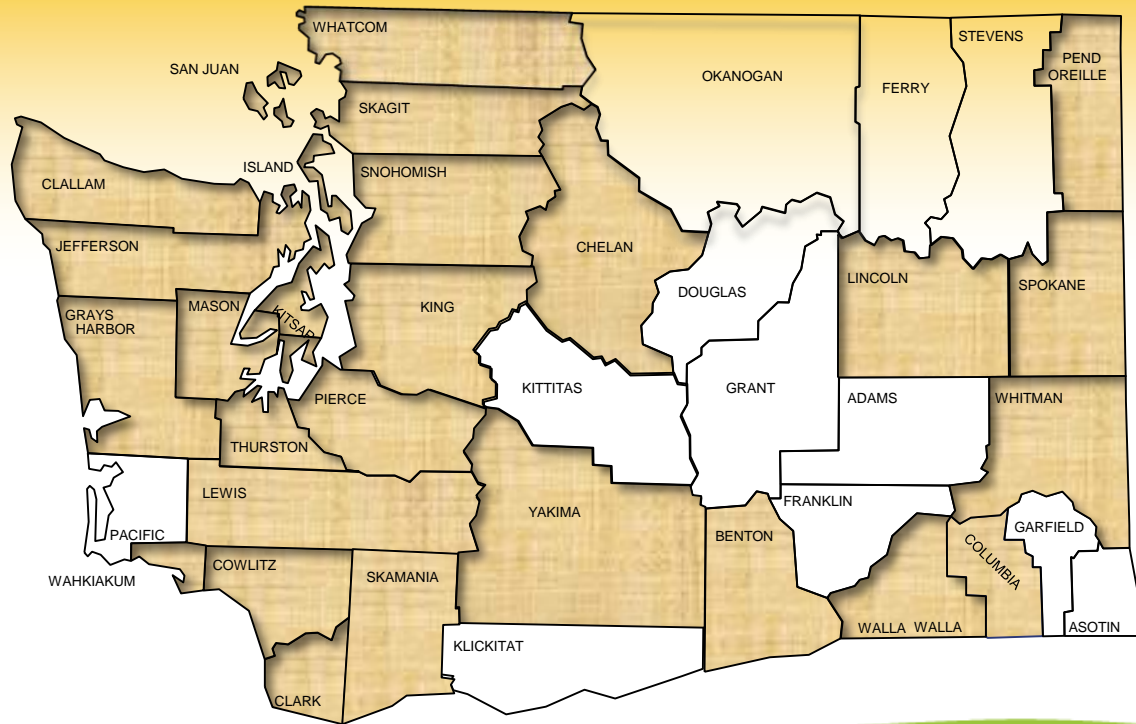
Product	Product
Electronics – 24 states	Paint – 8 states, Washington DC
Fluorescent lamps (mercury) – 4 states	Pharmaceuticals – 8 local governments
Auto switches (mercury) – 15 states	Batteries – 11 states
Thermostats (mercury) – 13 states	Carpet – 1 state
Mattresses – 3 states	Pesticide containers – 1 state
Other products - 6	<b>TOTAL LAWS = 92</b>



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# Product Stewardship in Waste Management Plans







**Producer  
Responsibility  
Works!**

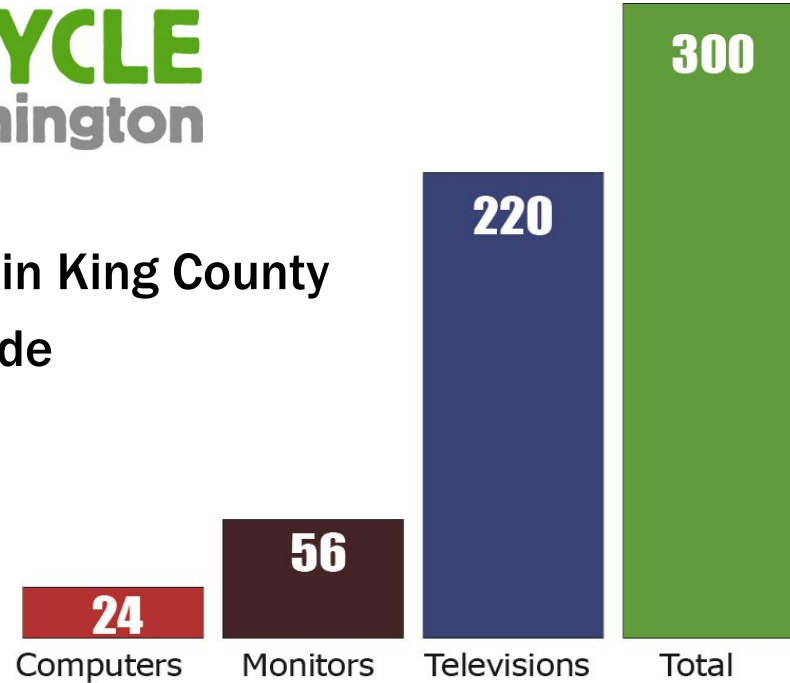
- Collection, recycling and outreach
- 125 new private-sector jobs since 2009







- 99 collection sites in King County
- >350 sites statewide





# One Million Lamps Recycled in 2015



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# Paint Stewardship

- Paint industry (ACA) initiated paint stewardship bill
- Statewide program to recycle and safely dispose of latex & oil-based paint
- Three bills: 2012 - 2016
- PaintCare Programs: OR, CA, CO, VT, MN, CT, RI, ME, WA-DC, British Columbia



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# 2016 NWPSC Outreach

- Build support for product stewardship policy
  - Increase awareness of electronics and mercury lamp programs
  - Broaden support for paint stewardship
  - Partner with businesses, associations and NGOs to increase general understanding of product stewardship policy



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